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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

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¶1. (U) On October 24, emboffs delivered reftel points on U.S. priority resolutions in the UN General Assembly's Third Committee to the Azerbaijani MFA's International Security Affairs Department (responsible for UN issues) and the MFA's Americas Desk. MFA International Security Affairs Department Director Galib Israfilov said he had no substantive comment on the resolutions but would study the U.S. positions. We will report any further reaction septel.

¶2. (SBU) Comment: Azerbaijan regularly trades its UN Third Committee votes in exchange for support on issues related to the Nagorno Karabakh (NK) conflict. Given Azerbaijan's strong desire to seek OIC support for its position on the NK conflict and recent Chairmanship of the OIC Foreign Ministerial Conference, we expect Azerbaijan to support OIC positions on the Iran, Religious Intolerance, and Defamation of Religion resolutions. Azerbaijani Deputy Foreign Minister Araz Azimov is the key decision-maker on these issues, and will be in Washington for bilateral and GUAM meetings October 29-30. We are seeking a meeting with Azimov prior to his departure in order to make these points with him, and also encourage Washington colleagues to raise the Third Committee resolutions in their meetings with Azimov next week.
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